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1. On 11 and 12 July 1949, General of the Waffen-SS Jottlob BERNHARD was interviewed at the Prison in LINDENHOF/Lech. (4805-10553). BERNHARD was sentenced by the War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg to twenty-five (25) years imprisonment.

a. The condensed personal history of SUBJECT is the following: Jottlob BERNHARD was born on 16 July 1896 in GERTTERTEN (48405-10053) District of Heidenheim, Württemberg. His military rank was General of the Waffen-SS, Chief of the SS Hauptamt (SS-Main-Office) from 1 April 1940 until the end of World War II. He was further in charge of the recruiting and organization of all non-German volunteer Waffen-SS Divisions in Europe. Since 1 October 1944 he was responsible for all prisoners of War and the Volksturm (People's Guard) Divisions. In addition to his above mentioned duties the military safeguarding of the entire German Postal service and installations was under his command, since 1941.

b. BERNHARD's civilian occupation was athletics instructor with an academic degree. After active participation in World War I he started as an athletics teacher in various German schools and was later director of the Landesturnanstalt (State Athletic Institute) in Stuttgart (4805-09105), Württemberg. BERNHARD is an expert in pre-military youth education and training. He was the co-author of the drill regulations for firing and physical training of the former REICHSMILITÄR. He was an illegal member of the former Reichswehr and held only among five (5) others the reserve rank of a Lieutenant Colonel until 1939. (By the Treaty of Versailles the "Reichswehr" was at this time limited to a strength of 100,000 men and kept extremely qualified former officers of World War I for special missions in a reserve status available.) BERNHARD took part in numerous and General Staff inspection trips.

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2. During two (2) interrogations of three (3) hours each only the surface of the General's vast experience and knowledge of eastern affairs and Eastern warfare could be touched. The following current information was obtained from General BERGER:

a. BERGER was well acquainted with the former Secretary for the German Postal System by the name of OBERMAYER. The German Ministry of the Postal Department was and is up to date not only in charge of the German mail service but also the telephone, telegraph and radio service. As other branches of the German Military Establishment the German Post had its own research laboratories for technical warfare. BERGER in his capacity as the chief for the protection of all postal installations has been a frequent visitor in the secret research laboratory of the German Post in the HACKEBURG on the Teltower Canal in BERLIN (52300-13253). Research in the electronic-radiation fields was mainly conducted there. Towards the end of World War II very successful tests of "firing by night without any visible light" were made. BERGER who had this device installed in a hunting rifle had excellent results. The General suggested that U. S. authorities determine:

- (1) If the former HACKEBURG laboratory was located in the Russian Sector of Berlin.
- (2) The amount of material and personnel of the HACKEBURG in Russian hands.
- (3) To get from former Minister OBERMAYER the name and address of the then employed chief-engineer of the laboratory. He would be in the position to furnish the complete information on all activities of the HACKEBURG.
- (4) BERGER voiced the opinion that the Russian basis for the development of methods of "firing by night without visible light" and similar innovations are derived from material emanating from the HACKEBURG laboratory.
- (5) With HACKEBURG research center was further connected a German engineer who developed the method of monitoring all radio conversations between England and the U.S. (For example BERGER mentioned the invasion of Sicily which was already known to German intelligence during the planning stage, through a radio conversation.) This engineer was in charge of a radio intercept station in HOLLAND and his name might be likewise obtained through Minister OBERMAYER.

b. During August and September 1947, General BERGER was imprisoned in Bunker 1 in DACHAU (48200-11308). At the same time a Russian Airforce captain was held there for intended espionage. The captain took great efforts to get BERGER's attention and to engage him in conversation.

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BERGER considered it worthwhile to talk with the Russian in order to receive some information from him. The main topic of the conversation dealt with the Russian Air-Defense along the GERM-PAKISTAN sector. This defense system is supposed to consist of an electrical ray and radar combination. BERGER was very much interested in this matter and tried to get additional information. During a ten (10) days leave from confinement around Christmas 1948 he met a Volks-German from Rumania, an engineer and a former captain in the Waffen-SS. The engineer was in the sector of BREZILAU(51068-17038)-KATOWICE(50158-19008)-PLESS (Silesia) and noticed there a completely new kind of transmitter stations. Those transmitter stations are always located on marshy ground or above underground water currents, which were verified by divers. Large subterranean bunkers located on dry ground only shelter the transformer stations. High voltage power of 300,000 volts is supplied by the FOWIG industrial district. The power lines are installed on the surface up to one (1) to one and one half (1 1/2) kilometer before the transformer station. From there the power lines are carried underground to avoid the detection of the transformer. The system operates supposedly on the following basis: Four (4) transmitter stations form one (1) battery, but only three (3) stations have to function to be effective. The various individual infra-rays are focused together and are by means of a radar instrument beamed on a target. According to BERGER's informant altitudes of 14,000 meters were reached. The effect of those infra-rays is to explode ammunition on board of an aircraft, to disturb the ignition of gasoline and turbo engines and to cause the crash of rocket planes.

(1) BERGER's informant on this matter, who emigrated to Argentina is considered by the General a reliable source. BERGER received confirmation of the above report from members of the VLNK group (Ukrainian underground movement) in January 1949. However BERGER stated that none of the VLNK members have been in Silesia.

c. According to General BERGER the former General of the Waffen-SS and doctor of engineering KUGLER is working for the Russians. He is considered an expert on V and Rocket weapons and is engaged in the same field in Russia.

d. In regard to Russian tank production BERGER stated:
The German tank works in

Berlin-SPANDAU (52548-13251)
Berlin-KARLSTADT
Berlin-VILLEN
Berlin-GERMANY

were dismantled in 1945 and completely transferred and rebuilt in LEXINGRAD(59558-90158). His information on production figures as of June 1947 was 1,300 tanks per month. From 1945 to 1947 German type Panther and Ferdinand with 8.8 cm antiaircraft gun were produced.

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Starting summer 1948 an improved egg-shaped version of the I-34 tank
with a trailer for spare gasoline and artillery ammunition was manu-
factured.

c. Development of the PANZER and FLIEGERFAUST: Both were pro-
duced at the HASAG-WERKE in LEBEN (5120E-1225E). Whereas the success-
ful application of the PANZERFAUST was proven throughout World War II,
the development of the similar FLIEGERFAUST reached the testing stage
only in February 1945. Under General ~~REDACTED~~'s supervision very success-
ful tests with this new weapon were conducted on the Autobahn between
LEIPZIG and BERLIN. A small group of Waffen-SS employing this FLIEGER-
FAUST were able to hit after a short experimental period nearly all low
flying aircraft above the Autobahn. Altitudes reached with this weapon
were 3000 to 5000 meters. The FLIEGERFAUST consists of a barrel made of
an aluminum and steel alloy, it is loaded with eleven (11) to thirteen
(13) two (2) centimeter rockets which are fired all at one time. The
initial velocity is 650 meters increasing to 1500 meters. ~~REDACTED~~ be-
lieves that both the PANZER and FLIEGERFAUST were produced by the
HASAG-WERKE for Russia in large quantities between 1943-1945.

3. General ~~REDACTED~~ was at the beginning of the interview extremely
reserved and very reluctant to make any statement. However in the course
of the conversation the interrogating Agent was able to gain the
General's confidence and it is believed that the information related
is truthful and exact.

a. Should higher authorities desire a further interrogation of
General ~~REDACTED~~, the following suggestions are hereby submitted:
Exploitation of the General's experience during the war against Russia
as commander of all Waffen-SS Divisions on the eastern front. If the
important role, played by the Waffen-SS Divisions, in the war against
Russia is not yet fully known, the General might be the proper author-
ity to write such a history. Furthermore he has been the rallying point
of all anti-communistic groups in Europe. The fact that he was able to
create the various anti-German, but anti-bolshevistic ~~REDACTED~~ Divisions
speaks probably for itself. He was at this time the confident of men
like BRUDER, MELNIK and J. J. UKO, who are today again the leading men
in the Ukrainian Underground movement against the bolshevik system.
~~REDACTED~~ is also an expert in all aspects of offensive and defensive
Partisan Warfare. Finally he is a specialist in unsorted warfare.

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